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House Resolution No. 3299

Whereas, as the 2004-2005 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Washington School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 20, 2005, with the retirement of Larry J. Tobben who has devoted several years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Larry Tobben has taught elementary art for thirty-one years in the Washington School District, where he is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Larry Tobben taught at Immaculate Conception School for two years prior to assuming his responsibilities in the Washington School District; and

Whereas, Larry Tobben is a member of the Community Teachers Association, the National Education Association, the Saint Louis University Matters Program, and the St. Louis Co-op Art Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, so many young Missourians have left the classrooms of Washington fully prepared to face the challenges ahead as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of Larry Tobben; and

Whereas, the son of Dorothy Tobben, Larry Tobben is an active member of his community who serves as PR Chairperson and as a member of the Washington CTA, the Washington Elks Club, and the Knights of Columbus, just to name a few:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join the Washington School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Larry Tobben has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Larry J. Tobben, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by	Representative Brian Nieves
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Ninety-thi certify tha	on, Speaker of the House of Representatives, rd General Assembly, First Regular Session, do t the above is a true and correct copy of House in No. 3299, adopted May 12, 2005.
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